Funds allotted to North Eastern States for development of Non-Conventional Energy Sources

384. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted during the Ninth Five Year plan to the North Eastern States regarding the development of non-conventional energy sources on State-wise basis;

(b) how far it has benefited the people of this region; and

(c) the measures contemplated for future development in this region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) The details of funds provided by the Ministry during the Ninth Five Year Plan period ending 31st March, 2001 to the North Eastern States including Sikkim for development of non-conventional energy sources State-wise, are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The various renewable energy systems/devices such as biogas plants, improved chulhas, small hydro power plants, biomass gasifier based energy generation and solar energy programmes have benefited the people of North Eastern Region and Sikkim in meeting their various energy needs for cooking, heating, lighting and electricity. The Ministry has initiated a Special Action Plan for development of North Eastern Region including Sikkim and earmarked 10% of its plan budgetary support for this purpose since 1997-98. The Ministry also provides higher Central Financial Assistance upto 90% for implementation of major non-conventional energy programmes in this region.

Statement

State-wise Funds released during 9th Five Year Plan Ending 31.3.2001 under various Programmes of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in North Eastern States and Sikkim

Sl. No.	States	Total Funds Released (Rs. in crores)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	9.73
2	Assam	5.82
3	Manipur	4.68
4	Meghalaya	2.80
5	Mizoram	21.59
6	Nagaland	4.51
7	Sikkim	16.86
8	Tripura	5.15
	Others*	18.75
	TOTAL:	**89.89**

*=Funds released to Khadi & Village Industries Commission for biogas and for Improved Chulhas, to Sulabh International for CBP/IBP/NBP, to other agencies for implementation of other programmes in North East.

Proposal sanctioned by IREDA

385. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals and the amount sanctioned by IREDA for non-conventional energy projects during the current year in the country and in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the additional power expected from these projects during the said period?